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The second foreign language document, FR 2,787,933, was also cited in the above mentioned search report. The search report identified this document as being category "X" (particularly relevant if taken alone) with respect to to claims 1 and 4-7. The search report identified the whole document for the relevant passages.



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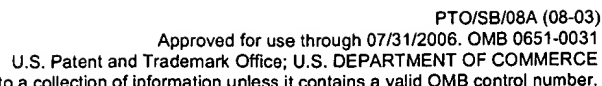
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